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## For the Ordination of Several Bishops

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me  
and sent me to preach the good news to the poor,  
to heal the broken-hearted (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who out of the abundance  
of your untold grace alone  
choose to raise these Priests, your servants,  
to the ministry of the high priesthood this day,  
grant that they may carry out worthily  
the office of Bishop,  
and, under your governance in all things,  
may they direct by word and example  
the people entrusted to their care.  
Through our Lord.

Or, especially if non-resident Bishops are ordained:  
O God, eternal Shepherd,  
who, governing your flock with watchful care,  
choose to join these your servants and Priests,  
to the College of Bishops this day,  
grant, we pray, that by their holiness of life  
they may everywhere prove  
to be true witnesses to Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

If a newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:  
We offer you the sacrifice of praise, O Lord,  
for the deepening of our service of you,  
so that what you have conferred on us,  
unworthy as we are,  
you may graciously bring to fulfillment.  
Through Christ our Lord.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

May this oblation, O Lord,  
presented for your Church  
and for these your servants,  
newly ordained as Bishops,  
become an offering acceptable to you;  
and for the good of the flock,  
may those you have raised up  
among your people to be High Priests  
be endowed, by your gift, with apostolic virtues.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests (pp. 000-000).

Mention of the newly ordained Bishops is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, a newly ordained Bishop says the proper form of Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray):

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
for me, too, your unworthy servant,  
and for these your servants;  
as you have been pleased to raise us to the Order of Bishops;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in us,  
so that what we have received by divine commission  
we may fulfill by divine assistance.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Another Bishop, however, says:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for these your servants,  
whom you have been pleased to raise to the Order of Bishops;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in them,  
so that what they have received by divine commission  
they may fulfill by divine assistance.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, a newly ordained Bishop says:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
(and N. our Bishop),  
me, your unworthy servant,  
and these your servants,  
whom you have willed to provide today  
as shepherds for the Church,  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, a newly ordained Bishop says:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
(and N. our Bishop),  
and me, your unworthy servant,  
and these your servants,  
who have been ordained today as shepherds for the Church,  
with the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in the intercessions of this prayer, after the words to the praise of your glory, a Bishop says:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
(N. our Bishop),  
me, your unworthy servant,  
and these your servants,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the service of your people,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
and all the clergy.

Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

## Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:17-18

Holy Father, consecrate them in the truth.

As you sent me into the world,

so I sent them into the world, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

If a newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,

the healing work of your mercy,

and graciously perfect and sustain us,

so that in all things we may please you.

Through Christ our Lord.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he says:

By the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,

increase the gifts of your grace

in these your servants and Bishops,

that they may serve you worthily in the pastoral ministry

and receive the eternal rewards of faithful stewards.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

If a newly ordained Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he imparts the following blessing, with hands extended over the people:

O God, who care for your people with indulgence

and rule them with love,

endow with the Spirit of wisdom

those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,

that from the flourishing of a holy flock

may come eternal joy for its shepherds.

R/. Amen.

As in your majestic power you allot

the number of our days and the measure of our years,

look favorably upon our humble service

and confer on our time the abundance of your peace.

R/. Amen.

Give a happy outcome to the tasks  
that through your grace you have laid upon me,  
whom you have raised to the rank of Bishop;  
make us pleasing to you in the fulfillment of our duties,  
and so guide the hearts of people and pastors,  
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherds  
nor the care of the shepherds be lacking to the flock.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.

If, however, the principal ordaining Bishop presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist,  
he imparts the following blessing, with hands extended over the newly ordained  
Bishops:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
and as he has willed to set you as High Priests over his people,  
so may he make you happy in this present life  
and grant you a share in the happiness that is eternal.  
R/. Amen.

May he grant that the clergy and people  
he has chosen to unite by his gracious help  
be happily governed by his providence and your stewardship  
for many years to come.  
R/. Amen.

May they obey God's commandments,  
freed from adversity,  
and may they abound in all that is good,  
submitting in faith to your ministry,  
so that they will enjoy peace and tranquility in the present age  
and with you be found worthy  
to share the company of the citizens of eternity.  
R/. Amen.

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## 2. FOR THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

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##### Entrance Antiphon

Jer 3:15

I will appoint over you shepherds after my own heart,  
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

##### Collect

Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant a persevering obedience to your will  
to these Deacons of your Church,  
whom you graciously choose today for the priesthood,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

##### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who have willed that your Priests  
should minister at the holy altar and serve your people,  
grant by the power of this sacrifice, we pray,  
that the labors of your servants may constantly please you  
and in your Church bear that fruit which lasts for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Priesthood of Christ and the ministry of Priests.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
you constituted your Only Begotten Son  
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,  
and by your wondrous plan were pleased to decree  
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood  
the people he has made his own,  
but with a brother's goodness he also chooses men  
to become sharers in his sacred ministry  
through the laying on of hands.

They are to renew in his Name  
the sacrifice of human redemption,  
to set before your children the paschal banquet,  
to lead your holy people in charity,  
to nourish them with your word,  
and to strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you  
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,  
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself,  
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Mention of the newly ordained Priests in the Eucharistic Prayers is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for these your servants,  
whom you have been pleased to raise to the Order of Priesthood;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in them,  
so that what they have received by divine commission  
they may fulfill by divine assistance.  
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b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the following is said:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop.

Be mindful also of these your servants,  
whom you have willed to provide today as Priests for the Church,  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the following is said:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
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these your servants,  
who have been ordained today as Priests for the Church,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in the intercessions of this prayer, after the words to the praise of your glory, the following is said:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
these your servants,  
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for the priestly service of your people,  
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## Communion Antiphon

Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20

Go into all the world, and proclaim the gospel.  
I am with you always, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

May the divine sacrifice  
we have offered and received, O Lord,  
give new life to your Priests and to all your servants,  
that, united to you in unfailing love,  
they may receive the grace  
of giving worthy service to your majesty.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained Priests and the people, says:  
May God, who founded the Church and guides her still,  
protect you constantly with his grace,  
that you may faithfully discharge the duties of the Priesthood.  
R/. Amen.

May he make you servants and witnesses in the world  
to divine charity and truth,  
faithful ministers of reconciliation.  
R/. Amen.

And may he make you true shepherds  
to provide the living Bread and word of life to the faithful,  
that they may continue to grow in the unity of the Body of Christ.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:  
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grant a persevering obedience to your will  
to this Deacon of your Church,  
whom you graciously choose today  
for the office of priesthood,  
so that by his ministry and life  
he may gain glory for you in Christ.  
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b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the following is said:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop.

Be mindful also of this your servant,  
whom you have willed to provide today as a Priest for the Church,  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the following is said:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the Order of Bishops,  
this your servant,  
who has been ordained today as a Priest for the Church,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

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## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained Priest and the people,  
says:

May God, who founded the Church and guides her still,  
protect you constantly with his grace,  
that you may faithfully discharge the duties of the Priesthood.  
R/. Amen.

May he make you a servant and a witness in the world  
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to provide the living Bread and word of life to the faithful,  
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And he blesses all the people, adding:

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12:26

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and where I am, there also will my servant be (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church  
to seek not to be served  
but to serve their brothers and sisters,  
grant, we pray, that these your servants,  
whom you graciously choose today  
for the office of Deacon,  
may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,  
and constant in prayer.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics: the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, whose Son chose  
to wash the disciples' feet  
and so set us an example,  
accept, we pray, the gifts of our service,  
and grant that,  
offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,  
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Christ, source of all ministry in the Church.

V. The Lord be with you.

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It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
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For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit  
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## Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come  
to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, to your servants,  
whom you have replenished  
with heavenly food and drink,  
that, for the sake of your glory  
and the salvation of believers,  
they may be found faithful  
as ministers of the Gospel,  
of the Sacraments and of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained Deacons and the people, says:

May God, who has called you to the service of others in his Church,  
give you great zeal for all,  
especially the afflicted and the poor.

R/. Amen.

May he, who has entrusted you with preaching the Gospel of Christ,  
help you, as you live according to his word,  
to be its sincere and fervent witnesses.

R/. Amen.

May he, who has appointed you stewards of his mysteries,  
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they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself,  
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks as we cry out in exultation:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Mention of the newly ordained Deacon in the Eucharistic Prayers is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for your servant  
whom you have been pleased to raise  
to the Order of the Diaconate;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in him,  
so that what he has received by divine commission  
he may fulfill by divine assistance.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the following is said:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop.

Be mindful also of this your servant,  
whom you have willed to provide today  
as a minister for the Church,  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the following is said:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the Order of Bishops,  
this your servant,

who has been ordained today as a minister for the Church,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, the following is said:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
this your servant,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the diaconal service of your people,  
and all the clergy.

Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember also

those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come  
to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, to your servant,  
whom you have replenished  
with heavenly food and drink,  
that, for the sake of your glory  
and the salvation of believers,  
he may be found faithful  
as a minister of the Gospel,  
of the Sacraments and of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained Deacon and the people,  
says:

May God, who has called you to the service of others in his Church,  
give you great zeal for all,  
especially the afflicted and the poor.  
R/. Amen.

May he, who has entrusted you with preaching the Gospel of Christ,  
help you, as you live according to his word,  
to be its sincere and fervent witness.  
R/. Amen.

May he, who has appointed you a steward of his mysteries,  
make you an imitator of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and a minister of unity and peace in the world.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.

#### 4. FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRIESTS IN THE SAME CELEBRATION

In the Ordination of Deacons and Priests to be conferred in the same liturgical celebration, this Ritual Mass may be used, with the color white or a festive color, except on Solemnities, on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, and on days within the Octave of Easter. When these days occur, the Mass of the day is said.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there also will my servant be (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have willed to provide  
shepherds for your people,  
pour out a spirit of reverence  
and fortitude in your Church,  
to make these, your servants,  
worthy ministers at your altar  
and strong yet gentle champions of your Gospel.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy Father, whose Son chose  
to wash the disciples' feet  
and so set us an example,  
accept, we pray, the gifts of our service,  
and grant that,  
offering ourselves as a spiritual sacrifice,  
we may be filled with a spirit of humility and zeal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface Christ, source of all ministry in the Church (p. 000) is said.

Mention of the newly ordained in the Eucharistic Prayers is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:

graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for these your servants,  
whom you have been pleased to raise  
to the Orders of the Diaconate and of the Priesthood;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in them,  
so that what they have received by divine commission  
they may fulfill by divine assistance.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the following is said:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop.

Be mindful also of these your servants,  
whom you have willed to provide today  
as Deacons and Priests for the Church,  
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the following is said:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the Order of Bishops,  
these your servants,  
who have been ordained today  
as Deacons and Priests for the Church,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, the following is said:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
these your servants,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the diaconal and priestly service of your people,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.  
Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

#### Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:17-18

Holy Father, consecrate them in the truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
so I sent them into the world, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

#### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, to your servants,  
whom you have replenished  
with heavenly food and drink,  
that, for the sake of your glory  
and the salvation of believers,  
they may be found faithful  
as ministers of the Gospel,  
of the Sacraments and of charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the newly ordained Priests and Deacons, says:  
May God, who founded the Church and guides her still,  
protect you constantly with his grace,  
that you may faithfully discharge your duties.  
R/. Amen.



May he, who has entrusted Deacons  
with preaching the Gospel  
and of serving both altar and people,  
make you fervent witnesses to the Gospel  
and ministers of charity in the world.

R/. Amen.

May he make you who are Priests true shepherds  
to provide the living Bread and word of life to the faithful,  
that they may continue to grow in the unity of the Body of Christ.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.

## V. FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Whenever Marriage is celebrated during Mass, this Ritual Mass is used, with the color white or a festive color.

However, on those days listed in nos. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, the Mass of the day is used, retaining the Nuptial Blessing in the Mass and, if appropriate, the proper formula for the final blessing.

If, however, during Christmas Time and Ordinary Time, the parish community participates in a Sunday Mass during which Marriage is celebrated, the Mass of the Sunday is used.

Although complete Mass formularies are given here for the sake of convenience, all texts, especially the prayers and the Nuptial Blessing, may be exchanged, if appropriate, with others.

### A

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19:3, 5

May the Lord send you help from the holy place,  
and give you support from Sion.

May he grant you your hearts' desire,  
and fulfill every one of your designs (E.T. alleluia).

The Penitential Act is omitted. The Glória in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord,  
and in your kindness uphold  
what you have established  
for the increase of the human race,  
so that the union you have created  
may be kept safe by your assistance.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who in creating the human race  
willed that man and wife should be one,  
join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love  
these your servants who are to be united  
in the covenant of Marriage,  
so that as you make their love fruitful,  
they may become, by your grace,  
witnesses to charity itself.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings  
Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the offering made on the occasion  
of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,  
and, just as your goodness is its origin,  
may your providence guide its course.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The dignity of the marriage covenant.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have forged the covenant of marriage  
as a sweet yoke of harmony  
and an unbreakable bond of peace,  
so that chaste and fruitful love  
may serve to increase  
the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord,  
you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design:  
that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,  
their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints,  
as we sing the hymn of your praise,  
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

A commemoration of the husband and wife in the Eucharistic Prayers is made according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said. The words in parentheses may be omitted, if the occasion so suggests: Therefore, Lord, we pray:

graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
the offering of your servants N. and N.  
and of your whole family,  
who entreat your majesty on their behalf;  
and as you have brought them to their wedding day,  
so (gladden them with your gift of the children they desire and)  
bring them in your kindness  
to the length of days for which they hope.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added: Be mindful also, Lord, of N. and N.,  
whom you have brought to their wedding day,  
so that by your grace  
they may abide in mutual love and in peace.

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words whom you have summoned before you, the following is added:

Strengthen, we pray, in the grace of Marriage N. and N.,  
whom you have brought happily to their wedding day,  
that under your protection  
they may always be faithful in their lives  
to the covenant they have sealed in your presence.  
In your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the earth.  
To our departed brothers and sisters...

### Nuptial Blessing

After the Our Father, the prayer Deliver us is omitted. The Priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes on them God's blessing, which is never omitted.

In the invitation, if one or both of the spouses will not be receiving Communion, the words in parentheses are omitted. In the prayer, the words in parentheses may be omitted if it seems that circumstances suggest it, for example, if the bride and bridegroom are advanced in years.

The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:  
Dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly pray to the Lord  
that on these his servants, now married in Christ,  
he may mercifully pour out  
the blessing of his grace  
and make of one heart in love  
(by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood)  
those he has joined by a holy covenant.

And all pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:  
O God, who by your mighty power  
created all things out of nothing,  
and when you had set in place  
the beginnings of the universe,  
formed man and woman in your own image,  
making the woman  
an inseparable helpmate to the man,  
that they might no longer be two, but one flesh,  
and you taught that  
what you were pleased to make one  
must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage  
by so great a mystery  
that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed  
the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man  
and the companionship they had in the beginning  
is endowed with the one blessing  
not forfeited by original sin  
nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favor on these your servants,  
joined together in Marriage,  
who ask to be strengthened by your blessing.  
Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
and pour your love into their hearts  
that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace  
abide in your daughter N.,  
and let her always follow the example of those holy women  
whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.

May her husband entrust his heart to her,  
so that, acknowledging her as his equal  
and his joint heir to the life of grace,  
he may show her due honor  
and cherish her always  
with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you:  
may these your servants  
hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments;  
made one in the flesh,  
may they be blameless in all they do;  
and with the strength that comes from the Gospel,  
may they bear true witness to Christ before all;  
(may they be blessed with children,  
and prove themselves virtuous parents,  
who live to see their children's children).

And grant that,  
reaching at last the fullness of years together  
for which they hope,  
they may come to the life of the blessed  
in the Kingdom of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

The prayer Lord Jesus Christ is omitted, and The peace of the Lord is said immediately.

Then the bride and bridegroom and all present offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion and charity.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Eph 5:25, 27

Christ loved the Church  
and handed himself over for her,  
to present her as a holy  
and spotless bride for himself (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,  
accompany with your loving favor  
what in your providence you have instituted,  
so as to make of one heart in love  
those you have already joined in this holy union  
(and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice).  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, says:

May God the eternal Father

keep you of one heart in love for one another,

that the peace of Christ may dwell in you

and abide always in your home.

R/. Amen.

May you be blessed in your children,

have solace in your friends

and enjoy true peace with everyone.

R/. Amen.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,

so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness

may one day receive you thankfully

into the eternal dwelling of God.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:

the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

## B

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 89:14, 17

At dawn, O Lord, fill us with your merciful love,  
and we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and upon the work of our hands (E.T. alleluia).

The Penitential Act is omitted. The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

## Collect

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord,  
and in your kindness  
pour out your grace on these your servants (N. and N.),  
that, coming together before your altar,  
they may be confirmed in love for one another.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage  
by so great a mystery  
that in the wedding covenant you foreshadow  
the Sacrament of Christ and his Church,  
grant, we pray, to these your servants,  
that what they receive in faith  
they may live out in deeds.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in your kindness, Lord,  
the offerings we bring in gladness before you,  
and in your fatherly love  
watch over those you have joined  
in a sacramental covenant.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The great Sacrament of Matrimony.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For in him you have made a new covenant with your people,  
so that, as you have redeemed man and woman  
by the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection,  
so in Christ you might make them  
partakers of divine nature  
and joint heirs with him of heavenly glory.

In the union of husband and wife  
you give a sign of Christ's loving gift of grace,  
so that the Sacrament we celebrate  
might draw us back more deeply  
into the wondrous design of your love.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints,  
we praise you and without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

In the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions (pp. 000-000).

### Nuptial Blessing

After the Our Father, Deliver us is omitted. The Priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes on them God's blessing, which is never omitted.

In the invitation, if one or both of the spouses will not be receiving Communion, the words in parentheses are omitted. In the prayer, the words in parentheses may be omitted if it seems that circumstances suggest it, for example, if the bride and bridegroom are advanced in years.

The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:

Let us pray to the Lord for this bride and groom,  
who come to the altar as they begin their married life,  
that (partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ)  
they may always be bound together by love for one another.

And all pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:

Holy Father,

who formed man in your own image,  
male and female you created them,  
so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart,  
they might fulfill their calling in the world;

O God, who to reveal the great design you formed in your love,  
willed that the love of spouses for each other  
should foreshadow the covenant  
you graciously made with your people,  
so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign,  
the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church  
might become manifest  
in the union of husband and wife among your faithful;  
graciously stretch out your right hand  
over these your servants (N. and N.), we pray,  
and pour into their hearts the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, O Lord,

that, as they enter upon this sacramental union,  
they may share with one another the gifts of your love  
and, by being for each other a sign of your presence,  
become one heart and one mind.

May they also sustain, O Lord,  
by their deeds the home they are forming  
(and prepare their children  
to become members of your heavenly household  
by raising them in the way of the Gospel).

Graciously crown with your blessings N., your handmaid,  
so that, by being a good wife (and mother),  
she may bring warmth to her home with a love that is pure  
and adorn it with welcoming graciousness.

Bestow a heavenly blessing also, O Lord,  
on N., your servant,  
that he may be a worthy, good and  
faithful husband (and a provident father).

Grant, holy Father,  
that, desiring to approach your table  
as a couple joined in Marriage in your presence,  
they may one day have the joy  
of taking part in your great banquet in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The prayer Lord Jesus Christ is omitted, and The peace of the Lord is said immediately.

Then the bride and bridegroom and all present offer a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion and charity.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 13:34

I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Having been made partakers at your table,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that those who are united by the Sacrament of Marriage  
may always hold fast to you  
and proclaim your Name to the world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, says:

May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy  
and bless you in your children.

R/. Amen.

May the Only Begotten Son of God  
stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.

R/. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit of God  
always pour forth his love into your hearts.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R/. Amen.

## C

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 144:2, 9

I will bless you day after day, O Lord,  
and praise your name forever and ever,  
for you are kind to all,  
and compassionate to all your creatures (E.T. alleluia).

The Penitential Act is omitted. The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

## Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that these your servants,  
now to be joined by the Sacrament of Matrimony,  
may grow in the faith they profess  
and enrich your Church with faithful offspring.  
Through our Lord.

## Or:

O God, who since the beginning of the world  
have blessed the increase of offspring,  
show favor to our supplications  
and pour forth the help of your blessing  
on these your servants (N. and N.),  
so that in the union of Marriage  
they may be bound together  
in mutual affection,  
in likeness of mind,  
and in shared holiness.  
Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Show favor to our supplications, O Lord,  
and receive with a kindly countenance  
the oblations we offer  
for these your servants,  
joined now in a holy covenant,  
that through these mysteries  
they may be strengthened  
in love for one another and for you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Matrimony as a sign of divine love.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you will that the human race,  
created by the gift of your goodness,  
should be raised to such high dignity  
that in the union of husband and wife  
you might bestow a true image of your love.

For those you created out of charity,  
you call to the law of charity without ceasing,  
and grant them a share in your eternal charity.

And so the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony,  
as the abiding sign of your own love,  
consecrates the love of man and woman,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints,  
as we sing the hymn of your praise,  
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

In the Eucharistic Prayers there are proper intercessions (pp. 000-000).

### Nuptial Blessing

After the Our Father, the prayer Deliver us is omitted. The Priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes on them God's blessing, which is never omitted.

In the invitation, if one or both of the spouses will not be receiving Communion, the words in parentheses are omitted. In the prayer, the words in parentheses may be omitted if it seems that circumstances suggest it, for example, if the bride and bridegroom are advanced in years.

The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:

Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters,  
God's blessing upon this bride and groom,  
that in his kindness he may favor with his help  
those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

All pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:

Holy Father, maker of the whole world,  
who created man and woman in your own image,  
and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing,  
we humbly beseech you for these your servants,  
who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord,  
come down upon this bride, N.,  
and upon N., her companion for life,  
and may the power of your Holy Spirit  
set their hearts aflame from on high,  
so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony,  
they may (adorn their family with children  
and) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord,  
in sorrow may they seek you out,  
may they have the joy of your presence  
to assist them in their toil,  
and know that you are near  
to comfort them in their need;  
let them pray to you in the holy assembly  
and bear witness to you in the world,  
and after a happy old age,  
together with the circle of friends that surrounds them,  
may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

The prayer Lord Jesus Christ is omitted and The peace of the Lord is said immediately.

Then the bride and bridegroom and all present offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion and charity.

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 33:2, 9

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the power of the Sacrament we have received  
may find growth in these your servants,  
and that the effects of the sacrifice we have offered  
may be felt by us all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, says:  
May the Lord Jesus,  
who graced the marriage at Cana by his presence,  
bless you and your loved ones.  
R/. Amen.

May he, who loved the Church to the end,  
unceasingly pour his love into your hearts.  
R/. Amen.

May the Lord grant  
that bearing witness to faith in his Resurrection,  
you may await with joy the blessed hope to come.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:  
And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
R/. Amen.

Masses for the Anniversaries of Marriage are found among the Masses for Various Needs (pp. 000-000).

## VI. FOR THE BLESSING OF AN ABBOT OR AN ABBESS

This Mass may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

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#### For the Blessing of an Abbot

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Col 3:14-15

And over all things put on love,  
which is the bond of perfection  
and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord, to your servant N.,  
whom you have chosen as Abbot of this community of N.,  
that by his deeds and his teaching  
he may guide the hearts of his brothers  
towards those things that are right,  
and so receive joyfully with them  
the recompense of an eternal reward  
from you, the most loving Shepherd.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the oblation of your servants  
and grant that, offering themselves as a spiritual sacrifice,  
they may constantly be filled  
with true humility, with obedience and with peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of Religious Life (pp. 000-000) may be said.

Mention of the newly blessed Abbot in the Eucharistic Prayers is made according to the following formulas:



a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
also for your servant N.,  
whom you have been pleased to choose  
for the governance of this community;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in him,  
so that what he has received by your grace  
may strengthen the hearts of his brothers.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, the following is said:

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop  
Be mindful also of this your servant,  
whom you have willed to provide today  
as Abbot for this community,  
and all the clergy.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words advance the peace and salvation of all the world, the following is said:

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,  
the Order of Bishops,  
this your servant N.,  
who today has been chosen as Abbot of this community,  
all the clergy,  
and the entire people you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, the following is said:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
and this your servant N.,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the service of this community,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.  
Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

#### Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come  
to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Where there is true charity, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one (E.T. alleluia).

#### Prayer after Communion

Look with favor on your family, Lord,  
and grant that we, who have celebrated the mystery of faith,  
may hasten tirelessly along the path of the Gospel,  
glorifying you in all things.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Prelate, with hands extended over the newly blessed Abbot, says:  
May God, from whom all fatherhood takes its name,  
grant that you be strengthened with power in your inner self  
according to the riches of his glory.  
R/. Amen.

May God grant you to walk in the way of his commands  
in company with your brothers,  
openheartedly and in the joy of Christ.  
R/. Amen.

By the grace of God,  
may this monastic family,  
gathered in the Name of the Lord,  
come, with you as guide,  
to a heavenly way of life.  
R/. Amen.

If, however, the newly blessed Abbot presides at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, he imparts the blessing using the pontifical rite, or he may say the formula that follows, with his hands extended over the congregation:

May God, the Father of mercy, keep you in his good favor,  
and as he has chosen to set me as Abbot over you,  
so may he make us all companions in eternal happiness.  
R/. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus Christ grant you  
to walk in the way of his commands,  
openheartedly and in brotherly joy.  
R/. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit grant us all  
to carry out with one accord  
the works of holiness and life,  
that we may be imitators of our fathers,  
one in mind and heart.  
R/. Amen.

And the Prelate blesses all the people, adding:  
And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,  
R/. Amen.

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## For the Blessing of an Abbess

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain, says the Lord (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Cf. Col 3:14-15

And over all things put on love,  
which is the bond of perfection  
and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

## Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord, to your servant N.,  
whom you have chosen as Abbess of this community of N.,  
that by her deeds and teaching  
she may guide the hearts of her sisters  
towards those things that are right,  
and so receive joyfully with them  
the recompense of an eternal reward  
from you, the most loving Shepherd.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the oblation of your servants  
and grant that, offering themselves as a spiritual sacrifice,  
they may constantly be filled  
with true humility, with obedience and with peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of Religious Life (pp. 000-000) may be said.

The commemoration of the newly blessed Abbess in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you,  
also for your servant N.,  
whom have been pleased to choose  
for the governance of this community;  
in your mercy, we pray, keep safe your gifts in her,  
so that what she has received by your grace  
may strengthen the hearts of her sisters.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is said:  
Be mindful also of this your servant,  
whom you have willed to provide today  
as Abbess of this community.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words the entire people you have gained for  
your own, the following is said:  
Strengthen also, Lord,  
in the service of her sisters  
this your servant,  
whom you have chosen today  
as Abbess of this community.  
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said: in its inter-  
cession, after the words to the praise of your glory, the following may be added:  
Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope,  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
all the clergy,  
and this your servant N.,  
whom today you have been pleased to choose  
for the service of this community.  
Be mindful also of those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.  
Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

## Communion Antiphon

Mt 20:28

The Son of Man did not come  
to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many (E.T. alleluia).

Or:

Where there is true charity, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one (E.T. alleluia).

## Prayer after Communion

Look with favor on your family, Lord,  
and grant that we, who have celebrated the mystery of faith,  
may hasten tirelessly along the path of the Gospel,  
glorifying you in all things.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Prelate, with hands extended over the newly blessed Abbess, says:

May God, who for the good of the Church  
has united these servants in the love of his Son,  
give you a spirit of devoted care  
to direct the family entrusted to you  
in the quest of perfection.

R/. Amen.

May God grant you to walk in the way of his commands  
in company with your sisters,  
openheartedly and in the joy of Christ.

R/. Amen.

By the grace of God,  
may this monastic family,  
gathered in the Name of the Lord,  
come, with you as guide,  
to a heavenly way of life.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,

R/. Amen.

## VII. FOR THE CONSECRATION OF VIRGINS

This Ritual Mass may be used, with the color white or a festive color, on days when Ritual Masses are permitted.

The prayers should be adapted, with the necessary change to the singular, if only one virgin is to be consecrated.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:4-5

Turn to the LORD and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done (E.T. alleluia).

The Glória in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord, to these your servants,  
in whom you have instilled a resolve to live in virginity,  
that the work you have begun in them  
may be brought to fulfillment,  
and that they may be found worthy  
to complete what they now begin,  
so as to bring you a full and perfect offering.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said in accordance with the rubrics; the Universal Prayer is omitted.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer sacrificial gifts, we pray, O Lord:  
grant generously to these your servants,  
perseverance in the resolve they have made their own,  
so that when the doors are opened  
at the coming of the most high King,  
they may merit to enter with joy  
into the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord.

The Preface of Religious Life (pp. 000-000) may be said.

The commemoration of the consecrated virgins in the Eucharistic Prayers takes place according to the following formulas:

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of *Hanc igitur* (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
and of these your servants,  
which we make to you on their day of consecration;  
sanctify this offering in your mercy,  
so that they who by your gift  
have today united themselves more closely to your Son  
may hasten gladly to meet him  
when he comes in glory at the end of time.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy,  
the following is added:

Be mindful also, Lord, of these sisters,  
whom you have consecrated today by a spiritual anointing  
so that, with lighted lamps of charity and faith,  
they may constantly serve you and your people  
as they await the advent of Christ the Bridegroom.  
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words the entire people  
you have gained for your own, the following is added:

Strengthen in their holy resolve, O Lord,  
these your servants,  
who seek to follow your Christ in faithful devotion,  
giving a witness of evangelical life  
and of sisterly love.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family . . .

d) If the proper Preface is not used, Eucharistic Prayer IV may be said; in its intercession, after the words to the praise of your glory, mention of the consecrated may be inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer you this sacrifice:  
especially your servant, N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
with the whole Order of Bishops,  
and all the clergy.  
Be mindful also of these sisters,  
whom you have dedicated today in perpetuity  
to divine worship and the service of humanity,  
those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,  
your entire people,  
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.



Remember also  
those who have died in the peace of your Christ . . .

Communion Antiphon

Ps 41:2

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, O God (E.T. alleluia).

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by these sacred gifts, O Lord,  
we humbly pray  
that the way of life chosen  
by your servants N. and N.  
may constantly benefit  
the advancement of human society  
and unceasingly profit the growth of the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Solemn Blessing at the End of Mass

The Bishop, with hands extended over the Virgins newly consecrated to God, says:

May the almighty Father  
by his protection keep intact  
the resolve he has poured into your hearts  
to live in blessed virginity.

R/. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus,  
who unites to himself the hearts of sacred virgins  
in a nuptial covenant,  
make your hearts fruitful  
by the word that is God's seed.

R/. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,  
who came down upon the Blessed Virgin  
and descending today has consecrated your hearts,  
fire you with zeal for the service of God and the Church.  
R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered for these sacred rites:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,

R/. Amen.

Or:

May God, who inspires  
and brings to completion every holy design,  
guard you always with his grace,  
that you may faithfully discharge  
the duties of your calling.

R/. Amen.

May God make you partakers of divine charity  
and its witness and sign before all nations.

R/. Amen.

May God graciously make lasting in heaven  
the bonds by which he has united you to Christ on earth.

R/. Amen.

And he blesses all the people, adding:

And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered for these sacred rites:  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit,

R/. Amen.